



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday 24th November 2024 – Sunday before Advent
Colin Pascoe

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, bring forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook: Praying with all Creation.

*Holy and gracious God, by way of creation, you have brought us into being. By way of the cross, you have brought us into your kingdom. By way of the resurrection you have restored us to life.
Macrina (deaconess and teacher, c329-379)*

Live-stream for morning service: <https://youtube.com/live/bF1376VxlAo?feature=share>

Notices

Tuesday 26th November) 10am Coffee morning - all welcome

Wednesday 27th November) 9.00am Ecumenical Communion service Bishop's Cleeve Methodist
Wednesday 27th November) 9.30 Toddlers

Thursday 28th November) 10am Bethesda Backpackers, Duntisbourne Abbots. Please contact Anne Robertson (07542 357427) the previous evening if interested

Thursday 28th November) 2.30pm, House group at Thelma's led by Judith

Sunday 1st December) Rev. Rachel Leather, Gift Service

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE STEWARDS ARE ONLY USING THE ELECTRONIC CALLENDAR TO PREPARE THE NOTICES. IF YOU WISH SOMETHING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NOTICES, PLEASE EMAIL notices@stmarksmethodist.org.uk BY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME FOR THE WEEK AHEAD. ALTERNATIVELY SPEAK TO A STEWARD DIRECTLY

Advance notices:

24th November onwards - We are looking to get together an augmented choir for the Carol Service. Practices will be after the morning service for 20 minutes or so, from this Sunday until the morning of 22nd December. If you can't get to all of these Sundays, don't that put you off! Please speak to Helen or Stephen if you want to know more or just come along on Sunday.

24th November onwards - Fliers advertising our Christmas Services are now available. Please take some and distribute them to your friends, family and neighbours. If you can, please sign up to deliver some locally to the church, a sign up sheet is available so we know which roads we have covered.

Sunday 1st December is our Gift Service – the Salvation Army will receive gifts which should be new and unwrapped. Gifts for children aged 9+ would be especially helpful.

Friday 6th December – Journey of the Magi at Bethesda, 1930. To book tickets and watch a trailer - <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/995071344177> Ticket prices start at £6 for U18.

Saturday 7th December – evening, Christmas market invitation from Crofton Springs Cre Home, Gloucester Rd

We are having a New Year Celebration on Saturday January 11th, 4-6pm – everyone's invited! More details in the Messenger.

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Call to Worship

StF 333: Majesty, worship his majesty

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Word with children Children leave

StF 340: Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Reading: John 18:33-37

StF 319: Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Sermon

StF 318: Christ, our King before creation

Offering dedicated Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Stf 338: There is a Redeemer

Blessing

FOODBANK

List of needs from the Foodbank – the boxes for receiving donations for the Foodbank are by our two entrances. Thank you to all who keep filling up the boxes.

Cans or packets of soup

Toilet paper

Washing-up liquid,

Washing powder (powder or capsules please, not liquid)

Tinned cold meats and fish

Packets and cans of desserts both hot and cold

Jam

Tinned fruit and vegetables

Nappies size 5 Items

Items we have plenty of....

Nappies in most sizes (we do need size 5)

Sanitary products

Baby food

Non-dairy milk

Toothpaste